GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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POST OFFICE BUILDINGS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct Post Office buildings in rural areas;

(b) if so, the estimated requirement of fund for the purpose;

(c) whether his Ministry has sent any proposal to the Finance Ministry in this regard;

(d) if so, the response of the Finance Ministry thereto;

(e) the year by which the Government propose to complete and modernize post office buildings in the rural areas in each State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to construct post office buildings in rural areas and modernize them as per operational priorities and availability of planned resources. Moreover, most of the basic postal infrastructure in rural areas consist of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices for which premises are provided by the Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters. Expansion of Postal Network in rural areas has also been undertaken in the form of opening of Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras (PSSK) in Gram Panchayats for which space for operation is provided by Panchayat.